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DECEMBER 4: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

ISAIAH 9:6, MATTHEW 11:28-30

1. The wisdom of Jesus is unsurpassed. When did you trust Him enough to let Him guide you?
2. Read Mark 6:1-6 and Matthew 8:5-13. What do these passages tell you about how people responded to the wonderful teaching and miracles Jesus did? Who denied putting trust in Jesus and who trusted in Him?
3. Consider what is happening in our world today, how our culture is moving so far from godly values. Read Isaiah 11:2, how do you put your trust in Jesus? Is it a comfort for you to know Jesus is our exalted LORD who rules over us with His infinite wisdom? In what ways do you allow Jesus to control your life?
4. Consider how the title, Wonderful Counselor, describes Jesus. Define counselor. What adjective does Isaiah use to describe this Counselor? How often do you seek wonder-filled counsel with Jesus over what the world offers?



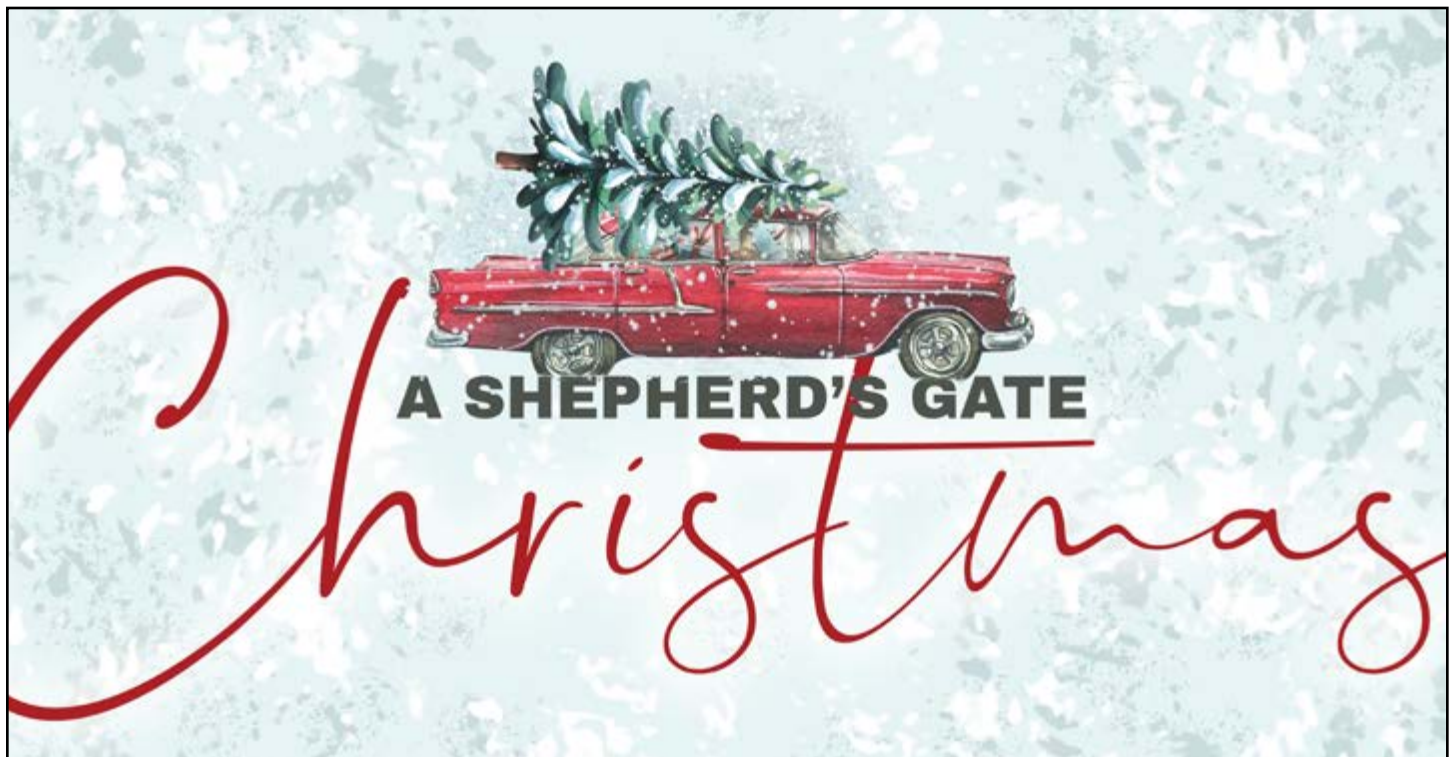
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DECEMBER 11: MIGHTY GOD

ISAIAH 9:6, HEBREWS 1:1-3A

1. How does Hebrews 1:1-3 describe Jesus, the Son of God?
2. Peter and John knew Jesus, they witnessed first-hand his teachings and miracles. Read Acts 4:12-14, what do you learn about Jesus from them?
3. What is the eternal significance of the identity of this baby being given the title, "Mighty God" for us? Why is this an announcement of "great joy"?
4. When Jesus was born, what symbol of God's power appeared to the shepherds (Luke 2:13-14)? When John introduced Jesus in Luke 3:16-18, how did he describe Jesus? How does Jesus intend to use the power of God's Spirit in his earthly ministry? Compare Luke 4:18-21 and Isaiah 61.
5. How does Jesus, the Mighty God, show His power through weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9-10 and 13:4)? What role did the cross have in revealing the Mighty God in this way (1 Corinthians 1:18-23)?



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DECEMBER 18: EVERLASTING FATHER

ISAIAH 9:6, ISAIAH 7:14

1. What was (or is) your father like? Did you enjoy a close relationship with him? Why or why not? When you first learned that God was the “Father” was this good news or troubling news for you?
2. The term for Jesus, “Everlasting Father” can make some Christians nervous. Why is it important to understand the difference between God the Father and God the Son? Read Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23.
3. If Jesus is not literally God the Father, why is one of his titles “Everlasting Father”? What is this title intending to show us (John 14:9 and Hebrews 1:2-3)?
4. The truth of Jesus’ name, Immanuel, implies that ‘God is with us’. What impact does this have on your relationship with Jesus? What things in your life might you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to change to ensure a more intimate relationship with Jesus?